

# MARIST

Hello, everyone enrolled in PHIL 101-741!

I am George Kassimis (you can just call me George), and I am your instructor for Philosophical Perspectives! I am a Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy for this year, but I've taught at Marist in some capacity for over 10 years, and have been teaching an online version of this course off and on since 2018.

My email is [george.kassimis@marist.edu](mailto:george.kassimis@marist.edu), and I check it fairly often. I do limit when I check after 8pm and during weekends, but I usually reply within 24 hours.

I will have Student Visiting Hours on Zoom (<https://marist-edu.zoom.us/my/george.kassimis>) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2-4. I encourage you to come! (If you are ever on campus, you can also visit me in person in my office in Fontaine Hall, room 327.)

You do not need to buy any books, as I have curated a collection of primary sources myself, along with notes that I have taken myself on these sources.

The course proper will involve three Units, A, B and C, that will take two weeks each to complete each. There is also a Zeroth Chapter that is only for more casual discussion that is NOT part of the course proper, but should be pretty fun. This Zeroth chapter will take up the first and last week of the session.

The following questions are some of the topics we will discuss:

- How do we know what we know?
- What is the nature of consciousness?
- Do we have free will?
- What is the nature of time?
- How does our personal identity persist over time?
- Can a perfect deity exist?
- Is philosophy useful and/or important?
- Is there meaning in life?

I'm very excited to share this course with you! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

George Kassimis